

## HALL COUNTY BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2007

The Hall County Board of Corrections met from general session and by published call.

11:30 Lancaster made the motion and Jeffries seconded it to go into the Board of Corrections. Arnold, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, and Rye were present. Eriksen and Wagoner were absent. Arnold, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes, none voted no.

ROLL CALL – Members present were Scott Arnold, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, and Bob Rye. Jim Eriksen and Daniel Wagoner were absent.

Open Meeting Law – Chairman Arnold read the notice of the open meeting law.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Chairman Arnold called for public participation and no one responded

### CORRECTION DIRECTORS REPORT

Correction Director Fred Ruiz was present. He informed the Board that the budget is looking well for this quarter; publication line item is a little high due to the advertisement cost for new correction employees. Overtime cost is at 16% which with the scheduling is being controlled.

Contingently plans for moving inmates some concerns still existing is will there be enough time and people for the March 28, 2008 completion date. Most of the corporals and all of the sergeants have taken observation training.

Health screening for new employees is being given; the Corrections Department is following the same screening questionnaire as the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center.

He informed the Board the correctional facilities in Torrington Wyoming are looking at possibly contracting for the housing of some of their inmates until their facilities are completed.

ICE contacts have spoken with our State Senators and Congressman at the possibility of renting space in our facilities. What will need to be done is have a lease cost analysis done by a licensed realtor who specializes in rental cost for business offices.

Plans are being made for the laying of the cornerstone by our local Masonic Lodge.

He informed the Board that the pulling of wire throughout the complex may take for six to seven weeks to complete.

There has been an increase in the number of trials and transportation of inmates lately which is always additional cost. But with the new judge all of the court rooms are busy.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – A motion was made by Rye to accept the July 10<sup>th</sup> minutes, it was seconded by Lancaster. Arnold, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, and Rye were present. Eriksen and Wagoner were absent. Arnold, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes, none voted no.

11:50 all of the board members left for a tour of the jail facilities.

The board adjourned the jail tour and the Board Meeting at 12:15 p.m.

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Pamela J. Dubbs, Deputy County Clerk